

(c) *Treasury bonds*—(1) *Treasury fixed-principal bonds*. Treasury fixed-principal bonds are issued with a stated rate of interest to be applied to the par amount, have interest payable semiannually, and are redeemed at their par amount at maturity. They are sold at discount, par, or premium, depending upon the auction results. They typically have maturities of more than ten years.

(2) *Treasury inflation-indexed bonds*. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds are issued with a stated rate of interest to be applied to the inflation-adjusted principal on each interest payment date, have interest payable semiannually, and are redeemed at maturity at their inflation-adjusted principal, or at their par amount, whichever is greater. They are sold at discount, par, or premium, depending upon the auction results. They typically have maturities of more than ten years. (See appendix B for price and interest payment calculations and appendix C for Investment Considerations.)

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Subpart B—Bidding, Certifications, and Payment

§ 356.10 Offering announcement.

The Department provides public notice of the sale of bills, notes, and bonds by issuing an offering announcement. The offering announcement lists the specifics of each offering, e.g., offering amount, term and type of security, CUSIP number, and issue and maturity dates. The offering announcement and this part, including the Appendices, specify the terms and conditions of sale. To the extent that the provisions of an offering announcement are inconsistent with the provisions of this part, the provisions of the offering announcement will control. Accordingly, bidders should read the applicable offering announcement in conjunction with this part. (See Exhibit A for sample announcements.)

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§ 356.11 Submission of bids.

(a) *General*. (1) Bids may be submitted directly to a Federal Reserve Bank that is authorized to accept tenders or to the Bureau of the Public Debt, Washington, DC, or through a depository institution or dealer that is authorized, pursuant to § 356.14, to submit bids on behalf of customers. Except as otherwise provided, tenders must be submitted in an approved format, including the use of preassigned identification numbers, where applicable. Competitive and noncompetitive bids must be received prior to the respective closing times specified in the offering announcement, except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Bids not received timely will not be recognized in the auction. Bids for securities are binding on the bidder after the closing time specified in the offering announcement.

(2) If the awarded securities are to be issued in TRADES, a submitter must have on file at a Federal Reserve Bank a certificate listing those persons who are authorized to submit tenders on its behalf. The certificate must be duly executed by an authorized person on behalf of the submitter. A tender will not be recognized if the person submitting the tender is not listed on the certificate. The submitter is responsible for any tenders submitted for the submitter by persons who are designated on the certificate as authorized to submit tenders on its behalf.

(b) *Submission of paper tenders*. (1) Paper tenders should be on preprinted forms provided by the Federal Reserve Bank to which the tender is submitted or preprinted forms of the Bureau of the Public Debt, and should provide the information requested on the form. Paper tenders in any other form or incomplete tenders may be accepted or rejected at the option of the Department.

(2) For competitive bids, if securities are to be delivered to more than one account, a separate paper tender must be submitted for each delivery instruction specified.

(3) The submitter is responsible for ensuring that the paper tender is received timely at the Federal Reserve Bank or the Bureau of the Public Debt, Washington, DC. A noncompetitive bid

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is considered timely if received prior to the deadline for the receipt of noncompetitive tenders. Further, a noncompetitive bid received after the deadline for the receipt of noncompetitive tenders is considered timely only if it was submitted by mail and only if the envelope containing the tender bears a U.S. Postal Service cancellation date prior to the auction date and the tender is received on or before the issue date.

(4) Neither the Federal Reserve Bank nor the Department shall be, in any way, responsible for any unauthorized paper tender submissions or for any delays, errors, or omissions in the submission of paper tenders.

(c) *Submission of tenders by computer.* Competitive and noncompetitive tenders may be submitted by computer transmission to a Federal Reserve Bank. Tenders may be submitted by computer only by those submitters that have previously arranged with a Federal Reserve Bank for such submission.

(1) For computer tenders, the submitter must comply with computer communications and electronic access standards and requirements for Treasury auctions. Incomplete tenders or transmissions that do not comply with such standards and requirements may be accepted or rejected at the option of the Department.

(2) All tenders submitted by computer are binding on the submitter to the same extent as if they had been paper tenders. No paper tender should be submitted that duplicates a tender submitted by computer.

(3) Tenders submitted by computer must be received by the applicable closing time; the Federal Reserve Bank's computer time stamp will establish the time of receipt.

(4) The submitter bears sole risk for any disruption or failure in the operation of its own computer, any electronic-based communications facilities, or any communications lines between the submitter and the Federal Reserve Bank.

(5) The submitter is responsible for tenders submitted using computer equipment on its premises, whether or not such tenders are authorized.

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(6) Neither the Federal Reserve Bank nor the Department shall be, in any way, responsible for any delays, errors, or omissions in the submission of tenders.

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§ 356.12 Noncompetitive and competitive bidding.

(a) *General.* All bids, including bids for reopenings, must state the par amount of securities bid for and must equal or exceed the minimum bid amount stated in the offering announcement. Bids that exceed the minimum bid amount must be in the multiple stated in the offering announcement.

(b) *Noncompetitive.* A bidder bidding competitively for its own account may not bid noncompetitively for its own account in the same auction. A request for reinvestment of securities maturing in TREASURY DIRECT is a noncompetitive bid.

(1) *Maximum bid.* A bidder may not bid noncompetitively for more than \$1 million in a bill auction or more than \$5 million in a note or bond auction. The maximum bid limitation does not apply to bidders who are bidding solely through TREASURY DIRECT reinvestment requests.

(2) *Additional restrictions.* Between the date of the offering announcement and the time of the official announcement by the Department of the auction results, a noncompetitive bidder may not hold, at any time, a position for its own account in when-issued trading or in futures or forward contracts in the security being auctioned or enter into any agreement to purchase or sell or otherwise dispose of the securities it is acquiring in the auction. For purposes of this paragraph, futures contracts include those:

(i) That require delivery of the specific security being auctioned;

(ii) For which the security being auctioned is one of several securities that may be delivered; or

(iii) That are cash-settled.

(c) *Competitive.* A bidder bidding noncompetitively for its own account may not bid competitively for its own account in the same auction.